

[Council to Lieu^t Col^o North.]

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We received yours of the 22^d Instant by Major Baily, and have wrote to Col^o Thomas Lieutenant of Frederick County, to order a sufficient Guard of Militia to escort the Prisoners to their Destination, and have empowered him to impress as many Teams, Horses and Drivers as may be necessary for the Prisoners and the Guards to be sent with them. It is not in our Power to furnish a Farthing of Specie to the Officers of the Line, we have no other than Bills of Credit of this State, which cannot issue but as Specie and, we understand, they will not pass in Frederick. We hope and expect, the Prisoners will be marched off immediately, that the Militia may not be on Duty longer than necessary at this inclement Season

[Council to Christopher Edelen Esq^r]

Ibid.

If you have any Linen or Cloth, or any other Article, in your Possession belonging to the State, we wish you to embrace the first Opportunity of sending them to this Place, as the Soldiers here are much distressed for Cloathing.

[Council to Col^o George Stricker]

Ibid.

Your Letter respecting the Horses is received. The one fit for Service you will send immediately to Governor Lee's Plantation, whose Servant will be there in three or four Days, and will deliver him to the Quartermaster at this Post; the others you will dispose of for the best Price you can obtain.

[Council to Thomas Johnson Esq^r]

Ibid.

We wish it was in our Power to give you a satisfactory Answer to your Letter of the 13th Instant, respecting the Supply of Wood to the Prisoners and Guards but such is our Situation, that we cannot make any positive Engagements for Payment, in any other Manner than with the Money of the late Emission, which may not make you an adequate Compensation, as it must issue as Specie, but being sensible of the Necessity of immediately furnishing the Prisoners and Guards at Frederick Town with Wood, induces us to offer Payment in either Tobacco at the Warehouses on Patowmack at 16/8 p C^t or Flour in Frederick at 12/6 p C^t for 100 Cords. If this Proposal is agreeable, an Order for the Tobacco or Flour Will be immediately transmitted to you on the Delivery of the Wood. Our Army are in such Distress for Shoes, that disposing of the Hides in any other Manner would be depriving them of the only Probability of a Supply of that Article. M^r Dent, in Consequence of your Recommendation, is appointed Surveyor of Frederick County.